



Our Worship of God

January 3, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand.)

— The Second Sunday after Christmas —

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Prelude In the Bleak Midwinter *Holst/Douglas*

Call to Worship (unison) *Based on Nunc Dimittis*

*Your word, O God, has been fulfilled:
Our own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the presence of all people,
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people, Israel.*

†Processional Hymn 194 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

Gospel Reading

Kee Groshong

Luke 2:21-40

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption

of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter and faith is changed to sight.



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Jesu

arr. Brickman

Message

Carol McEntyre

Preparation for Communion Many Tables
Chancel Choir

Gramann

*Many tables,
Lord, we see;
Many choices do us invite;
As we seek our community,
May we know which place is right;
Draw us closer to Your light.*

*For your table is set with grace;
At each place the cup of love.
The invited gaze upon your face;
Holy One sent from above
Who for us did shed his blood.
You are there for all to see.
as we sit to dine with Thee.*

*Many tables,
Lord, we see;
Many choices do us invite.
As we seek our community,
May we know which choice is right;
Draw us closer to Your light.*

Observance of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Bread Broken, the Cup Shared

Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your word is now ful - filled.
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, The Gen - tiles' prom-ised light,



These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Renewal of Our Church Covenant (unison)

Because we have responded to Christ's call to follow him as disciples and because we find this calling too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,

We covenant together to support and to pray for one another without ceasing; to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes, and caring in all our dealings with one another; to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves and our life together, mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.

Moreover, we covenant to give first priority to our times of public worship and learning; to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving, faithful service and personal witness; to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith; and to seek each other's forgiveness and God's when we fail to honor this covenant, trusting God's Spirit to renew us in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.

†Hymn of Commitment 192

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

†Benediction (responsive)

Bruce Prewer

Loving God, now your servants may go in peace,
just as your word has promised;
for our own eyes have seen your salvation
made ready with everyone looking on,
a revealing light for outsiders,
and a glory for all your faithful people.

*Grace and mercy and peace,
from the Creator, Savior and Counselor,
will be with you now and ever more.
Amen!*

Postlude

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 3

9:15 am Awakening Worship
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
11:15 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall
Various Classrooms
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 4

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

Thursday, January 7

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 8

10:30 am Eat, Pray, Sew

Conference Room

Sunday, January 10

9:15 am Awakening Worship
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
11:15 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)
5:00 pm Youth Trip to Lazer Lanes

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Announcements

Undecorating Party

Today, following the worship service, we will have an “undecorating party” for our Christmas and Advent decorations. If you are able to stay for 15 minutes, we should be able to get a lot done. Thank you for your help.

Leadership Dinner

On Tuesday, **January 12 at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, everyone who serves on one of First Baptist teams (Congregational Care, Teaching Team, Worship Team, Mission Team, Telling Team and Administrative Team) is invited to a Leadership Dinner. We will eat together, orient you to your work, talk about the expectations of our leaders, worship and sing. Please RSVP to Madison Reynolds at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org and be sure to tell her it is for the leadership dinner!

Worship Art on Display

January 6-9, Ed Rollins will be leading sessions at the National Conference for Sacred Music in Corpus Christi, TX. He was asked to lead sessions on the use of liturgical art in worship and sessions for handbells. Since most of First Baptist's art is collaborative, Brenda Rice will be co-presenting and Sue Hammann will be offering assistance. The presentation will be delivered to our First Baptist friends and family following the conference.

Announcements

Celebration of Ministry Luncheon

On Sunday, **January 17**, join us for All Church Worship at 11:15 am followed by a Celebration of Ministry Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. 2015 was a great year at First Baptist. We want to pause to look back over the year and celebrate all that God has done in and through us. We will see some highlights of the year in photographs and hear from our ministry teams about what they accomplished in 2015. We will also vote on our 2016 Church Budget.

10:15 am Adult, Youth and Children's Small Groups will meet as usual. Then, we will gather for All Church Worship at 11:15 am in the sanctuary.

Parents please pick up your children from extended session and the nursery after worship and bring them to lunch. After they have eaten lunch, Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry will take the older children upstairs for some fun activities and the nursery will be reopen.

Reserve your spot for lunch by contacting Madison Reynolds at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. Lunch will be \$5.00 per person and will include chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and a biscuit.

New Bible Study Opportunity

Beginning Monday, **January 25** at 1:00 pm, in the parlor, First Baptist will offer a 12-week overview of the Bible, our sacred Scriptures, as we have received them. This study will be taught by David Gifford, new First Baptist church member. We will consider the texts in their original oral as well as written settings with some discussion of the ancient world of the Bible. We will note the conversations occurring between the different writers & texts as they struggle to understand the God who claims them for His own people. We will look at the context of their writing and interaction with other oral traditions and written literature of their day.

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Widening Our Worship

On Tuesday, **January 26 at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, you are invited to come and reflect on the Widening our Welcome process, to affirm the statement which will be added to our website, and to talk about how we move forward as a community where all are welcomed and included in the body of Christ. Child care will be provided and dinner will be available for \$5.00 per person.

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Should snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service. On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled. Notification will be made on the church facebook page or at these local media stations: KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM) Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMU-TV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

Worship Notes

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11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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